

REMARKS:

- 1) The Response and amendment filed on February 3, 2009 were fully responsive to the Office Action of September 3, 2008, and fully in compliance with all the rules. Particularly also, the amendment of the abstract set forth on page 13 of the prior Response was a proper instruction to replace a paragraph of the specification with a "replacement paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph" in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1) and MPEP 714. For such an amended replacement paragraph, the rules and procedures do not call for a "clean version". Also, the amended abstract was set forth on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72, 37 CFR 1.121, and MPEP 714. Nonetheless, in view of the requirement for a "clean version" in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 18, 2009, we are submitting this Reply, presenting such a "clean version" as an added new paragraph while also deleting the previous paragraph at page 8 lines 1 to 16 (i.e. the abstract). It is believed that this clean version will facilitate entry of the amendment by the USPTO.
- 2) Please enter the present amendment of the abstract, and then further examine the application based on the complete Response of February 3, 2009.
- 3) In view of the present Reply in combination with the Response of February 3, 2009, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the

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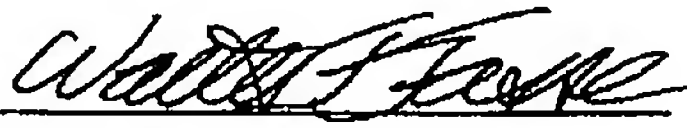
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application, including all present claims 1, 2, 10 to 14 and 17 to 19, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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